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HANDMADE PAPER INDUSTRY.

55 Q.- Sri R. SURYANARYANA RAO: Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries be pleased to state:-

(a) whether there are centes in which handmade paper manufacture is carried on;
(b) whether arrangments exist in these centres to train those who wish to be trained;
(c) if the answer to (b) is in the affirmative, the number of persons under training in each centre;
(d) whether the economics of handmade paper production have been worked out; and if so, what is the cost of production and how it compares with that of machine made paper;
(e) whether the Government are making use of the paper manufactured in their centres; and
(f) whether the Government have any scheme for the promotion of manufacture of handmade paper?

The Hon. Sri H. SITARAMA REDDI: " (a) Yes, Sir, There are two Handmade Paper Units, one at Viziawada and the other at Bugga, Cuddapah district, run by the Industries and Commerce Department. There is also one Handmade Paper Unit at Tirvangimalai Musiri Firka, Trichinopoly district, functioning under the Firka, Trichnopoly district, functioning under the Firka Development Schme.

(b) Facilities for training candidates exist in the Paper Units at Viziawada and Tiruvengimalai. No such facilities exist in the Paper Mill at Bugga as it is a samll unit.

(c) Eight students are undergoing training at present in the Handmade Paper Unit at Tirugangimalai. No student is undergoing training at present in the Paper Mill at Viziawada.

(d) The economics of handmade paper manufacture depend upon the quality of paper manufactured and the raw material used. The cost of production of paper varies from 8 annas to 14 annas per lb. The cost of handmade paper cannot be compared with that of mill-made paper as machine made articles will mostly be chaaper than handmade one. Handmade paper is, in account of its durability, generally preferred for insurance policy paper, share certificates, documents, etc.

(d) Yes, Sir. The Provincial Firak Development Officer is useing the handmade paper manufactured by the Viziawada Unit. It is proposed to make use of the handmade paper manufactured at the departmental units in the offices under the Industries and Commerce Department.

(f) The Department of Industries and Commerce will render all possible assitance to persons who come forward with any scheme for the promotion of manfacture of handmade paper."

Sri R. SURYANARYANA RAO: " May I know, Sir, whether there was a centre at Gazulapalle in the Kurnool District?"

The Hon. Sri H. SITARAMA REDDI: " Yes, Sir,"

Sri R.Suryanarayana Rao: "May I know what has happedn to it?"

The Hon. Sir H.Sitarma Reddi: " It has been closed, Sir."

Sri B.BHIMA RAO: " Why should not the Government use the handmade paper in all departments and so offer an incentive and encouragement to the industry?"

The Hon. Sri H. SITARAMA REDDI: "I shall personally request the Hon. member to use it,"

Sri R.SURYANARAYANA RAO: "May I know whether there is any proposal by the Government to combine Bugga and Gazulapalle?

The Hon H. SITARAMA REDDI:

The Hon H. SITARAMA REDDI: "That is one of the suggestions made by the Development Commissioner after his recent tour and the Director of Industries is examining it, Sir."

To A.S.

'A' above: It has been finally decided that the unit at Gazulapalli should be sold by private negotiation to any person prepared to work it as a handmade paper production unit at a cost not less than Rs.12,500/- and orders have been issued to that effect in G.O. Ms. No.2139, Development dated 28-4-48. No further action is necessary.
The papers may be recorded.

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